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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME under C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

For replying to the Office action dated <u>October 30, 2006</u> in the patent application identified above, Applicants hereby request an extension of time of <u>three</u> <u>months</u>, from <u>January 30, 2007</u> to <u>April 30, 2007</u>.

Accompanying the EFS Web submission of this paper is an authorization to charge to a credit card the \$1,020 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) for reply within the third month.

Respectfully submitted,

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